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Letter dated 26 October 2009 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing to you in connection with the provisions of section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243, according to which no subsidiary organ of the Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. Those subsidiary organs that wish to meet during a regular session of the Assembly must submit their requests through the Committee on Conferences.

I wish to inform you that the Committee on Conferences has received two additional requests, from the United Nations Forum on Forests and the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, to hold one meeting each in New York during the main part of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

The Committee on Conferences, having carefully considered those requests and the reasons they were made, does not object, on the strict understanding that the meetings would be accommodated when conference facilities and services can be made available without adversely affecting the activities of the General Assembly and its Main Committees.

Accordingly, I should be grateful if the General Assembly would explicitly authorize the United Nations Forum on Forests and the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund to meet in accordance with their requests, subject to the conditions referred to above.

(*Signed*) Barbara **Kaudel**
Chair
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